

ABSTRACT

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Shriver-Ecklund Farm

Leitersburg Vicinity

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19th Century
(With Earlier Portion)

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Shriver- Ecklund Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Miller's Church Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Leitersburg Vicinity				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Washington	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: David C. Eklund				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 8, Box 95				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland 21740	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF OEEOS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland 21740	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 553/62				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey #3069				
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland 21401	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	< 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the south side of Miller's Church Road, just west of Strite Road near Leitersburg in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on sloping ground and faces south.

The structure is a one and a half story, six bay stone dwelling built into a low hillside. A seam between the second and third bays from the west end of the house suggests that it was built in sections. From the rear or north elevation lines, alterations, and differently cut stones employed in the western portion, as well as variations in surface weathering suggest that a one story stone structure was heightened to two stories and extended by approximately three feet to the west. Since the seam between the two sections of the house extends only to the height of the second story windows above which the masonry remains constant, it appears that the main or east section was added at the same time the west section was enlarged. Viewed from the front or south elevation, the west section is set back several feet from the face of the east section, resulting in a broken roof plane. Double porches included under the main roof span extend along the front elevation of both sections. The first story of the west section has been sheathed with German siding. There is no decorative work associated with the exterior masonry.

Openings appear to be spaced evenly in the front elevation of the main section. First story windows have nine over six pane double hung sashes while six over six pane sashes are employed at the second story level. All are held within narrow rounded frames. Below the window at the second story of the rear elevation of the west section is evidence of an earlier opening which has been filled with stone.

The main entrance is located in the west end bay of the front elevation of the main section. The door has six low relief panels below a three light transom. A second door is located immediately above this at the second story level. Similar doors without transoms are employed in the front elevation of the west section.

The roof of each part of the house is covered with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. There is no decorative work associated with the barge or eaves boxing. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end and at the jointure of the two sections on the north slope of the roof.

The front door enters into a stair room. Three other rooms, each with a fire place, are located in the first story of the main section.

A large stone end bank barn with a round brick-lined opening at the gable is located just west of the house. A stone smoke house with a wood shingle roof is located nearby.

The buildings are in excellent condition and are located on a tract containing 136 acres.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

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This farm was owned by the Shriver family for more than a century. According to Herbert C. Bell's History of Leitersburg District, it was purchased by Henry Shriver from Daniel Mowen in August of 1777.¹ According to Bell, the agreement stipulated that Daniel Mowen and his family had free privilege to live in the dwelling house on the premises with the Henry Shriver family until April 1, 1778.² In his will made December 12, 1790 and probated February 12, 1794, Henry Shriver stated that his wife was to have the "new house" for the term of her widowhood. If the house was not finished by the time of his death, it was to be completed and outfitted with a 10-plate stove and pipe. (Will Liber A, Folio 301). Henry Shriver willed his home farm to his son, Henry, who resided there until his death in 1812. The farm was inherited by his son Henry Shriver who owned it until his death in 1878, at which time the property was sold out of the family.³ (Deed Liber 77, Folio 481).

The first Henry Shriver is said to have been born in Germany on April 17, 1727. He came to the Leitersburg area in 1777 and was employed as an iron worker at nearby Rocky Forge. He also farmed and at the time of his death owned a sizable amount of land.⁴

The farm includes parts of the land grants; "The Forest," "Long Stripe" and "Rich Barrens." Rich Barrens containing 1,154 acres was patented to Peter Shiess in 1767. In 1770 he sold 713 acres to Dr. Henry Schnebly who renamed the tract "The Forest." Two hundred acres of this land was purchased by Philip Boyer who in turn sold it to Daniel Mowen.⁵

¹ Herbert C. Bell, History of Leitersburg District. Leitersburg, Md: the author, (1908) p. 33.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid. 220

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid. 33

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bell, Herbert C., History of Leitersburg District, Leitersburg, Md:
the author, 1908.

Washington County Land Records.

Washington County Probate Records.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **136 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

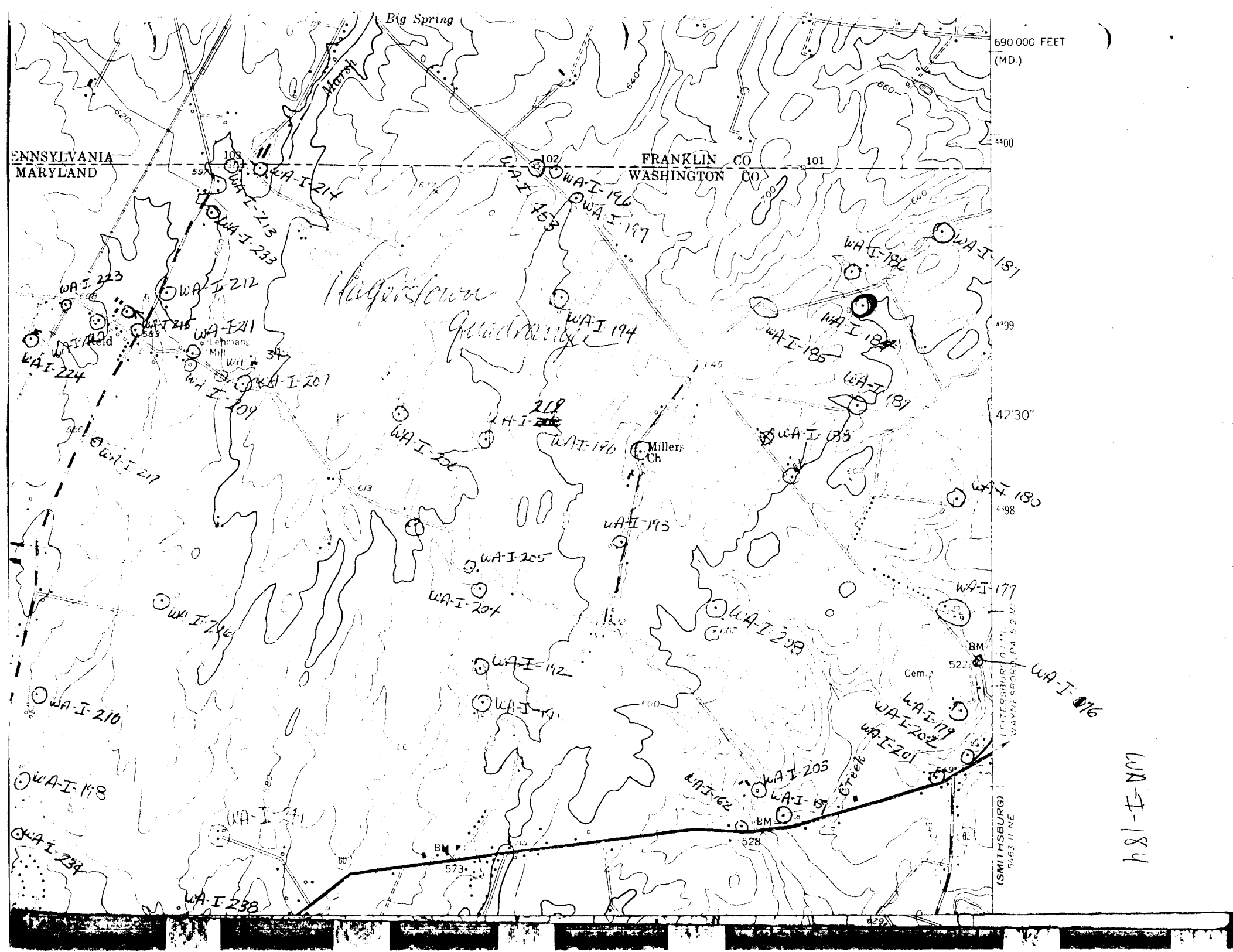
NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey	DATE January 1976
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____





W.H.F. D.H.

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